NOTE XVII.

ON A NEW SPECIES OF BUPRESTIDE, CATOXANTHA PURPURASCENS, FROM BORNEO.

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This beautiful species, for which I propose the name of *Catoxantha purpurascens*, belongs to Lacordaire's Section A [1]) which contains at present as far as I know seven species, viz. *bicolor* Fabr., *nigricornis* H. Deyr. and *Mouhotii* E. Saund. (species with a swollen yellowish patch near each posterior angle of the thorax), and *Dalenii* v. d. Hoev., *Mniszechii* H. Deyr., *hemixantha* v. Voll. and *rajah* Gestro (species without the swollen yellowish thoracical patches). The new species agrees with the four last mentioned species in wanting the swollen thoracical patches, but differs chiefly in color and in not having the yellowish spot on the elytra.

Catoxantha purpurascens, sp. n.

Length 54 mm., breadth at the shoulders 16 mm.

Head purplish red, with a greenish tinge between the antennae and at the vertex, the labrum green; the antennae black, the first joint coppery-bronze, the three following spotted with that colour. The disc of the thorax dark purple, the bottom of the punctures on the lateral margins bright green. The elytra are of the same pur-

1) Lacordaire, *Genera des Coléoptères* (Suites à Buffon). Tome IV. p. 17, note 2.

plish color as the disc of the thorax and margined with green laterally as well as along the suture. Under surface of the body yellowish brown, with a curved black line on the breast. The coxae and femorae golden green; the tibiae outwardly fiery red; the tarsi bronzy green.

Head punctured, deeply and longitudinally grooved between the eyes, the groove deeper, broader and better limited than in *Mniszechii* and *hemixantha*; a fine impressed longitudinal line on the vertex. Thorax anteriorly almost as broad as long, at its base not quite twice as broad as long. The sides slightly concave, divergent as far as a little before the posterior angles, then parallel; base with a median angular lobe. The disc more finely and more distantly punctured in the middle than in *Mniszechii* and *hemixantha*, with a slightly raised line running from the middle of the base towards the centre; the sides rugose by confluent punctures. Elytra finely punctured, each with four slightly raised nearly impunctate lines; the sides subparallel; the apex of each finely subsemicircular emarginate and minutely bidentate.

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